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GHI Board Hears Staff Report On Survey of Frame Houses

by Sid Kastner

A rather fast pace was maintained by the GHI board at its regular Thursday evening meeting, June 10, under the new policy of finishing business by 10:30 p.m. A brief look was taken at corporation goals for the coming year, and the staff submitted an initial set of specifications for the proposed frame home survey. Matters connected with the townhouses were also touched on and appointments were made to some of the working committees.

The frame home survey would encompass the structural and mechanical (heating, plumbing, electrical) condition of all of the thousand-odd homes, their associated heating plants, and their site conditions. It would also estimate the cost of upkeep of each of the homes for each of the next ten years. In addition it would establish some reasonable physical standard as a goal to be reached in improving the homes. It would also prepare a list of units recommended as needing replacement, based on their life expectancy.

The wording of this last item in the staff report was objected to by chairman Nat Shinderman, though directors David Lange and Darwin Beck saw no difficulty; it was reworded somewhat, though the substance was left intact. The report was accepted and Beck then urged that concrete replies ("proposals") be solicited from firms to carry out the survey. Manager Breashears said letters could be sent out soon requiring the replies no later than July 14, and the board authorized him to do so.

Coming Priorities

A list of priorities to aim at in the coming year was presented by director Stephen Polaschik, based on his assessment of members' interests and needs. Maintenance, cost reduction, the capital improvement program, and a study of reserves and working capital all ranked high on the list. The possibility of contracting for a management audit was also included. (This subject figured prominently in the recent election.) Thus internal GHI matters are slated to receive more attention this year, rather than other issues such as adjacent zoning or long-range planning.

Some questions passed on to GHI from the Maryland Savings-Share Insurance Corporation (MSSIC) by Twin Pines Savings and Loan, were considered by the board. Twin Pines has applied to MSSIC for insurance of its operation; MSSIC in turn has asked whether Twin Pines would agree to recording the mutual ownership contracts in County records, and whether GHI would allow Twin Pines to sell homes to any purchaser in cases of default. Both of these sugges-

tions were deemed unacceptable to GHI and to Twin Pines, as the corporations presently operate. James Cassels of Twin Pines, however, thought the MSSIC questions were of some value in producing a critical appraisal of the situation. One outcome of such coverage would be that Twin Pines would henceforth hold the actual mutual ownership contract in its possession. (It has previously not done so.)

Townhouses

The manager reported that he had received a letter from counsel Albert Ginsberg, commenting on the correspondence between member Gordon Allen and an official of the American Institute of Architects. Allen had expressed concern about a possible conflict of interest in the townhouse project. Ginsberg replied that the standard contract usually used had been changed where necessary to clarify that the architect was the agent of the contractor. Shinderman also defended the project, citing some instances where discussions between GHI and architect had resulted in improvements to the original plans. He said that GHI had provided the supervision usually given by the architect, thereby saving the homeowners a total of about \$12,000.

Other

There are presently some garage vacancies, and director Beck stated that the Finance committee is concerned enough about them to look for solutions in terms of possible policy changes. Manager Breashears noted that there are seven vacant open garages and seven vacant closed garages. There is a waiting list of members who want garages which are near their homes. A motion by director Beck was carried to place an advertisement in the News Review this week, to see what response there might be.

New chairmen were named by Shinderman to three committees: director Donald Volk will chair the Landscape and Environment committee; director Norman Weyel will chair the Complaints committee; and George Farrell will chair Membership Services and Home Improvements.

Record Rain Storm Drenches Greenbelt

What happens when a 25-year storm hits the city was readily apparent on Monday evening, June 7, when a "gulley washer" poured 1.85 inches of rain on Greenbelt in less than an hour. Such a 'storm, which is supposed to hit not more than about once in 25 years, should be the maximum test of the storm drainage system, according to City Manager James K. Giese. It is designed to handle such a load, he said. The Monday rainfall was recorded in a rain gauge near 3-C Ridge.

During the height of the storm some basements were flooded. The pressure of storm water also lifted manhole covers near Braden Field. Catch basins were filled to capacity with water, which was slow to run out, and water was noticeably deep at the bay end of the lake.

Some areas of the city lost electrical power for two or three hours, but only Greenbelt was affected, according to Pepco officials. Even places as nearby as the Beltway and Lanham were reported to have received only sprinkles while Greenbelt was deluged. The storm was also believed to be heavier in old Greenbelt than in Springhill Lake, and in the North End than in the Center.

City officials were particularly interested in how the not yet completed retaining wall at the end of Fayette Pl. weathered the storm. Although there was no particular damage to the drainage ditch there, they noted, water did flow out of the channel. This they attributed to a blocked flow when debris was trapped against the new chain link fence that protects children from the ditch. As a result of the experience, the Public Works Dept. plans to redesign the barrier.

Telephone Co. Chorus At Lake Park Friday

Friday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. the C&P Telephone Company will perform at the Greenbelt Lake Park Bandstand.

This chorus has sung on TV, at the White House, and in the hospitals in the area. Their songs make you want to tap your feet and sing along.

Breashears exhibited some sections of pipe which have been taken out in the heating improvement program. One piece of large bore "condensate" pipe, buried in the ground for many years, was completely corroded through, and other cold water return sections from homes were practically filled up with solid deposits. The removal of these useless sections will be forthcoming.

BOOSTERS LOBBY FOR INDOOR POOL COUNCIL APPOINTS A COMMITTEE

by Virginia Beauchamp

Swimmers, parents of swimmers, and friends of swimming, including much of the membership of the Aquatic Boosters Club, turned out in force at the June 14 city council meeting to lobby for an indoor swimming pool for the city of Greenbelt. Although they got no immediate commitment from council to place a bond issue referendum for such a pool on the ballot for the September municipal election, they managed to nudge council nearer to such a step when councilman Joel Katz introduced a motion that council appoint a 5-member committee to study the feasibility of such an addition to the city's recreation program. Council also passed a motion, introduced by councilwoman Elizabeth Maffay, to request that the County build a proposed new swimming pool for this area at the newly projected Franklin D. Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, rather than at DuVal High School.

The questions of what other indoor swimming pools for the immediate area were projected, to what extent these might meet local pressures for indoor swimming, and what effect they might have on the economic self-sufficiency of a municipal pool in Greenbelt were all discussed at considerable length during the course of the meeting. Other major issues raised were to what extent a municipal pool could be self-sustaining, or whether it should be, and to what extent it might draw people from outside the city into Greenbelt to use facilities built and supported by city taxes.

In facing the question of whether or not to build an indoor swimming pool, council had before it three different reports. One, prepared a month ago by William Edwards, Administrative Aide to the City Manager, concluded that while such a pool would be a "beneficial addition" to the city's recreation program, it would require a tax subsidy to operate and pay its debt service. This report was rebutted in an analysis by the Aquatic Boosters Club and presented by club president George Jones, which asserted that an indoor pool could be self-sustaining. This second report was in turn examined by Assistant City Manager Gary Stenhouse, who, while conceding some aspects of the club's argument, came to the contrary conclusion; i.e., that a municipal pool could not be self-supporting. Stenhouse particularly stressed the impact of citizen pressures upon elected officials—which was borne out by the experience of the Rockville swimming pool—that, he felt, would force council to keep membership costs "very low while giving members the best free swim hours." These pressures, he argued, would mitigate against a pool's being self-supporting.

Competition by Other Pools

A recurring question was the degree of competition which might be offered by other nearby pools. A central point in the Booster Club's report stressed the competition to the Rockville Municipal Pool of another indoor pool in the community, a kind of competition which they felt Greenbelt would not have. Stenhouse noted, however, that the Park and Planning Commission has several indoor pools already in the planning stages—one possibly to be located in Beltsville. College Park also, he noted, has proposed the construction of an indoor pool. But of most immediate interest at the meeting was speculation that the County favored construction of a pool at either DuVal or the pro-

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Special Exception Hearing July 14 - Greenbriar Apts.

A Hearing has been scheduled at 10 a.m., July 14, in the County Council Hearing Room in Upper Marlboro, to consider three requests for special exceptions for the Greenbriar Apartments development on the Smith-Ewing North tract east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The requests, which concern three individual parcels of land, are numbered 2459, 2460, and 2469. They ask for approval of bedrooms in excess of the number established by County ordinance.

Such approval was granted on May 13, 1970, for the Glen Oaks apartment development on another Smith-Ewing tract south of Greenbelt Rd. This approval was granted by the County Commissioners over the objections of the city of Greenbelt.

City council has not yet taken a stand on the Greenbriar request. It is under consideration by the Advisory Planning Board and is expected to be heard by council at its next regularly scheduled meeting on July 12.

Plans for the Greenbriar development call for construction of 1,148 luxury-type apartments on the 82-acre site.

National Park Program

Folk Festivals and western bands will highlight the summer activities at Greenbelt National Park. Each Saturday night throughout the summer, groups from the National Folk Festival Association, the Folk Lore Society, plus prominent country and western bands will perform "under nature's canopy" in Sweetgum Picnic Area.

The 8 p.m. performances, which are sponsored by the National Park Service are open to the public free of charge. Patrons should bring their own blanket or lawn chair.

On every Thursday evening, feature length films and film festivals will be shown also in Sweetgum Picnic Area. The 8:30 showings will be highlighted during the summer by seven of the National Geographic Society's Television Specials.

These programs are also open to the public free of charge.

Summer Mosquito Spray Program Starts Tuesday

The summer mosquito spray program, which the city undertakes jointly with the County and with the State, is scheduled to begin this year on Tuesday, June 22. It will continue throughout the summer on alternate Tuesdays.

The program, which is administered by the State, is funded jointly—the State paying 50%, the County 25% and the city 25%. The city has virtually no control over the way the program is set up. Although many citizens have complained this year that the spray program has begun too late, the city has been informed that State funds were inadequate to begin it earlier. An earlier starting date for future years has been proposed.

Malathion in a fairly light concentration is the insecticide used in the program. Its effect on animals and people is believed to be relatively harmless. Both its toxicity and its residual effects are considerably less than for DDT.

NOTICE CITY VOTER REGISTRATION

A Special City Voter Registration will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 1971 between the hours of 5 PM and 9 PM

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In order to be able to vote in the 1971 Municipal Election on September 21, 1971, you must be registered, have resided in Greenbelt six months preceding the date of the election, be a United States Citizen, and be 18 years of age the date of the election.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., June 17, 8:30 p.m. Feature length Film: "America's Wonderlands: the National Parks." Sweetgum Picnic Area, Greenbelt Park.

Fri., June 18, 7:30 p.m. Telephone Co. Chorus at Lake Park.

Sat., June 19, 8 p.m. "Harpers' Ferry Porky Piness" in concert. (National Folk Festival). Sweetgum Picnic Area, Greenbelt Park.

Thurs., June 24, 8:30 p.m. Feature length Film: "Wild River." Sweetgum Picnic Area, at Greenbelt Park.

Fri., June 25 & Sat., June 26 at 8:30 p.m. Springhill Lake Players present "Blithe Spirit" at Greenbelt Jr. High.

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Thanks

To my many friends and acquaintances in Greenbelt—I would like to say thank you for your friendship and cooperation. I have many fond and wonderful memories concerning Greenbelt and its involved citizenry—you've really made me feel like a Greenbelter. I'm sure that more than once my mind will drift from Carroll County back to Greenbelt.

Walter B. Bockmiller

B'nai B'rith Sponsors Wine and Cheese

The Prince Georges Chapter of B'nai B'rith will sponsor a "get-acquainted" wine and cheese party at the home of Harriet Bruman, 9133 Edmonston Terrace, #304, Monday, June 21, at 8 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to learn more about B'nai B'rith Women activities. RSVP after 6 p.m. 345-2131, 345-7275, 474-8908.

A Pat on the Back

To the Editor:

A pat on the back, now and then, especially when it is well-deserved, never hurt anyone, so here goes: It has to do with the City's second paper collection two weeks ago. I don't know about the volume, but I do know I didn't see a single stack of paper anywhere in the city which hadn't been tied up neatly and securely, and it was such a pleasant sight, I just had to pass it on to my good neighbors. As a matter of fact, I'm extremely proud of us all!

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jected FDR High School. Whether such a pool would be primarily a school board facility, with its major intent to serve the schools in the area, or whether it would be primarily a county facility, for recreational uses of all citizens, was argued both ways by those present. Jones felt that, in any case, any kind of joint city-school board operation of such a pool would be "cumbersome." He felt it would be "saturated" by school needs.

Several speakers stressed the broad spectrum of citizen interest in swimming as a year-round sport. Leonie Penney especially cited the needs of pre-schoolers and over-40 adults for such an activity. Eileen Labukas referred to the wide variety of swimmers represented in the present swim program sponsored by the Aquatic Boosters Club. Mikell Mongelli emphasized the area-wide interest in synchronized swimming and in swimming as therapy. On the basis of her experience as a swimming teacher at the central YMCA in Washington, Mrs. Mongelli felt that an indoor pool here would be "mobbed just with people from Greenbelt."

Her view was supported by Helen Geller, who spoke as a member of the Prince Georges County Recreation Advisory Board. "The most pressing (recreation) need in the County," she said, "is for swimming pools." The Board had recommended construction of six outdoor pools, she noted. In addition, County Executive William Gullett has proposed construction of two indoor pools—one for the southern and one for the northern ends of the County. These, she felt, would be inadequate for the need. In computing costs for a pool, she stressed that "Recreation dollars will save many dollars in police costs and health costs."

In ending discussion of the issue, Mayor Edgar L. Smith noted that council's action to request construction of a County pool at FDR, rather than at DuVal High School, in no way should be construed as a negative action against the idea of a municipal pool. Council's motion to set up an advisory committee to investigate the subject further signaled that at least the issue would stay open. It is under study by the city's Advisory Planning Board.

Sabbath Luncheon

A special Sabbath luncheon program will be held at the synagogue on June 19 following regular Saturday morning services. Services will conclude at 11:30 a.m. to allow more time for Kiddish, songs, and luncheon.

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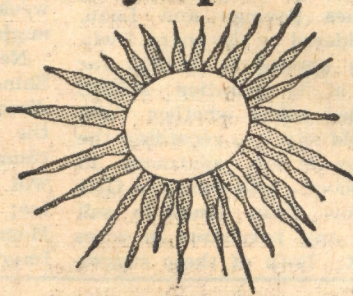
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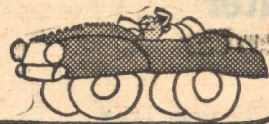
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Recreation Review

Tennis Tournament Final

The finals of our Memorial Day men's doubles event will be held Thursday, June 17, at 6:30 p.m. Tennis court #1 is reserved for this event.

Greenbelt Tennis Association

To join this organization please call Bob Crecco, 345-9024. Men and women are welcome to participate in the Club's activities.

Greenbelt Chucks

This is an elementary aged boys' sports program which is offered to the public free of charge. It will begin June 22 at 10 a.m. on Braden Field. For further information please call 474-6878.

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Mrs. Stacy Tuthill, Parkdale English teacher, won first place in

JAMES VANCE IS SOCC SPEAKER

There will be a general meeting of the Save Our Community Committee Monday, June 21, at 8 p.m., in the Greenbelt Library meeting room to elect an executive board and plan direction for the future. "Action In The Face of Opposition" will be the title of speaker James Vance's talk. Vance is a local zoning attorney who has represented civic associations and communities in matters before the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the Health Dept., and the Prince Georges County Board Of Zoning Appeals.

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